



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 21-023

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CONCERNING COLORADO "PUBLIC LANDS DAY", AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, RECOGNIZING MAY 15, 2021, AS THE FIFTH ANNUAL "PUBLIC LANDS DAY" IN COLORADO.

WHEREAS, In May 2016, Colorado became the first state in the nation to establish a state holiday for our public lands when the Colorado General Assembly passed a bill establishing the third Saturday in May as "Public Lands Day"; and

WHEREAS, The bill passed with bipartisan support and was signed into law by Governor Hickenlooper, and the inaugural event was celebrated on May 20, 2017; and

WHEREAS, "Public Lands Day" is a day to celebrate our public lands as vital resources providing clean water, protecting wildlife habitats, and offering many recreation opportunities; and

WHEREAS, "Public Lands Day" is also a day to celebrate how our public lands are central to our economy and our quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Communities and businesses in Colorado that thrive around public lands fuel a bustling outdoor recreation economy that supports nearly 230,000 local jobs and contributes more than \$28 billion in consumer spending per year; and

WHEREAS, 2021 marks the fifth anniversary of the celebration of "Public Lands Day"; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-third General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:

That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly, recognize May 15, 2021, as the Fifth Annual Colorado "Public Lands Day", and we encourage all Coloradans to mark the occasion by joining one of the many events around the state to learn about Colorado public lands and by getting outside and enjoying our state parks.

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